

# SENATE BILL 850

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By: **Senator King**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Qualifications for Licensure – Mortuary Science,**  
3 **Funeral Direction, and Apprenticeship**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the State Board of  
5 Morticians and Funeral Directors is required to issue a mortician or funeral  
6 director license to certain individuals; requiring an individual who is seeking  
7 approval of an apprentice license to complete certain credits at a certain school  
8 or in a certain course that has both a certain accreditation and is approved by  
9 the Board; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to certain  
10 individuals; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations on or before a  
11 certain date; and generally relating to the requirements for licensure in  
12 mortuary science and funeral direction and for approval of an apprentice  
13 license.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Health Occupations  
16 Section 7–303(b)(3) and 7–306(d)(1)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Health Occupations**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 7-303.

2 (b) The Board shall examine all applications for licensure for the practice of  
3 mortuary science or funeral direction and shall issue the mortician or funeral director  
4 license to an individual who:

5 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, has graduated with  
6 an associate of arts degree in mortuary science or its equivalent from a school  
7 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education [or] AND approved by  
8 the Board, or has acquired at least an associate of arts degree and completed a course  
9 in mortuary science that is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
10 Education [or] AND approved by the Board;

11 7-306.

12 (d) (1) Prior to an individual appearing before the Board for approval of  
13 an apprentice license, the individual must complete two-thirds of the academic credits  
14 for a mortuary science program at a school **OR IN A COURSE** accredited by the  
15 American Board of Funeral Service [or] AND approved by the Board, with a 2.0 grade  
16 point average or higher that is verified with a certified copy of the college transcript.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That §§ 7-303 and 7-306 of  
18 the Health Occupations Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, regardless of  
19 whether the individual performed clinical embalming in a laboratory or a funeral  
20 home setting, do not apply to an individual who:

21 (1) applied for an apprentice license on or before October 1, 2011; and

22 (2) had completed two-thirds of the academic credits at an approved  
23 mortuary science program at the time of application.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 1,  
25 2012, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors shall adopt regulations to  
26 implement §§ 7-303 and 7-306 of the Health Occupations Article as enacted by  
27 Section 1 of this Act.

28 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
29 effect October 1, 2012.